## Emerging Small Business - ESB - Sheltered Market Program

The City of Richmond introduces the Emerging Small Business - ESB - Sheltered Market Program - for all eligible small businesses (This program is open to ALL QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESSES)

The City of Richmond/Department of Economic Development and the Virginia Department of Business Assistance celebrate "Business Appreciation Week" in 2005 with a special business development outreach / recruitment event focused on the new ESB (Emerging Small Business)/ Sheltered Market program, a new procurement set-aside and technical assistance program designed to help any qualified small and emerging businesses from across various industry sectors - that are physically located in certain areas in the city of Richmond - obtain better opportunity to win new procurement and contracts with the city of Richmond and expand their enterprises.

We will address the various technical assistance and procurement set aside aspects of the program include the ESB program administration, City procurement system ESB technical assistance management, and other related technical assistance / procurement topics.

<u>There is no cost to attend the event</u> and light refreshments will be furnished. You will not know if you are qualified or not if you do not attend this critical outreach and information sharing meeting to the Richmond small business community.

**Date:** Wed. May 18, 2005

**Time**: 3-5 pm.

Location: Virginia Union University, Sydney Lewis Business School, located at 1500 North

Lombardy Street, Room 205, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, in Richmond.

Cost: Free

Refreshments will be served.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Business Assistance.

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